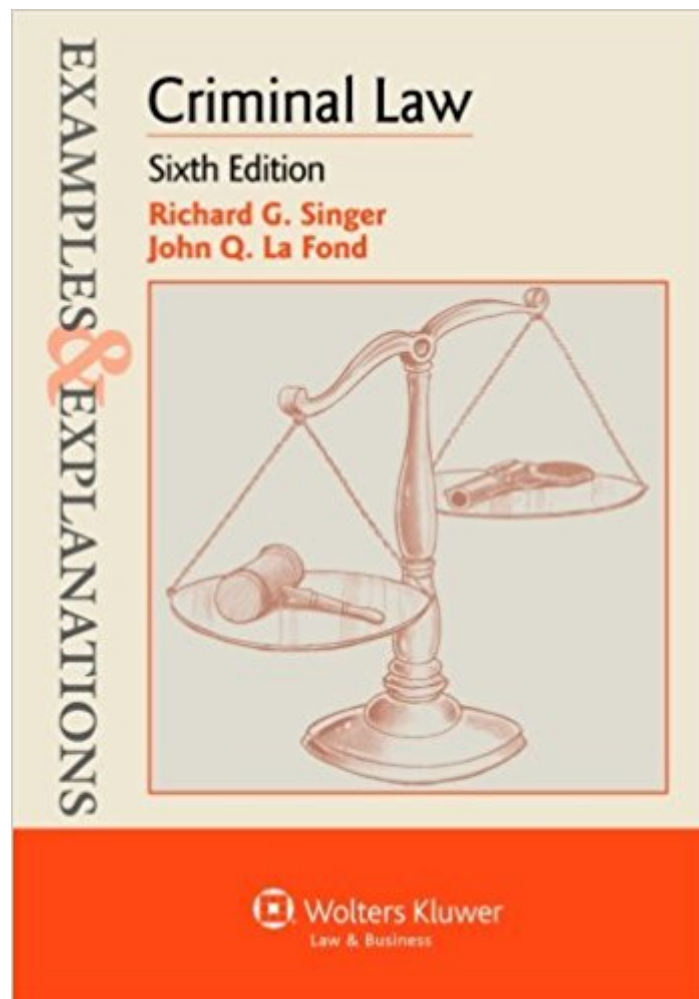




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I own all of the E&Es from the classes I have taken so far and find them all useful, except this one. I felt like this author tried too hard to prove how tricky and smart he was. A lot of the examples gave "gotcha!" explanations that most professors would never require students to know. I would have preferred questions that required me to go through the elements in a more normal way and look for broader problems in the fact patterns, not weird exceptions. Overall, this book made me paranoid looking for hidden issues that weren't in my professor's problems. Luckily I realized this before my final and was able to find other practice problems/answers that actually helped me.

I really enjoyed the E&E books for some other classes such as Property, CivPro, Torts. But this one just confused me and made me think I wasn't understanding criminal law. Dump this book. Once I stopped reading it things made sense again. This book goes out of its way to make life difficult for you. I think some of the information is downright inaccurate. I recommend Understanding Criminal Law by Dressler instead if you are looking for a supplement. Even the questions in this book were unhelpful.

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